

Appl. No. 10/017,894
Response Dated October 14, 2004
Reply to Office Communication dated September 20, 2004

In The Abstract:

In place of the current Abstract, substitute therefor the following rewritten Abstract:

Prefastened absorbent articles (20) can be made by having a singular fastening mechanism that includes an oversized fastener (60) to provide stability between the front waist region and the back waist region and to maintain the prefastened configuration. The prefastened absorbent articles can include a multiple property fastener (60) that has at least one engagement zone (65) and at least one non-abrasive zone (67).

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If the Examiner has any questions or if there are any remaining issues that can be handled by telephone, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (920) 721-4558.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any prosecutorial fees associated with this communication to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.

Respectfully submitted,

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